

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 660 – HB 1269

March 13, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires each local education agency (LEA) to conduct an inspection and evaluation program for its facilities between September 1 and December 31 each year. Requires the LEA to submit the evaluation results to the Tennessee Energy Efficient Schools Council (EESC) for review so that the correction of deficiencies may receive a high priority for available funding. Requires each program to include: (1) creating strategies to ensure that an adequate amount of outdoor air is being supplied; (2) testing for radon; (3) separating students and staff from construction and renovation areas; (4) creating strategies to reduce use of products, such as adhesives, floor-care products and pesticides that require ventilation during use; and (5) creating strategies to maintain relative humidity to an appropriate level during hot and humid summers.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$1,600

Increase Local Expenditures – Up to \$84,500*

Assumptions:

- Radon test kits are estimated to cost \$12 each, and the associated laboratory analysis is estimated to be \$35 for each kit tested.
- There are 29 schools in the Achievement School District (ASD). Including the Tennessee School for the Deaf, the West Tennessee School for the Deaf, the Tennessee School for the Blind, and the Alvin C. York Institute, there are a total of 33 state-administered schools.
- It is unknown how many of ASD and other state-administered schools currently practice radon testing, however it is reasonably estimated that each will conduct one radon testing each year resulting in a recurring increase in state expenditures of \$1,551 [33 state-administered schools x (\$12 + \$35)].
- There are 1,797 LEA-operated public schools in Tennessee.
- It is unknown how many LEA-operated public schools currently conduct radon testing; however, to the extent none of these schools perform testing, the mandatory recurring increase in local expenditures is estimated to be an amount up to \$84,459 [1,797 LEA-operated schools x (\$12 + \$35)].

- Other than costs related to radon testing, the fiscal impact for creating strategies to maintain healthier facilities is estimated to be not significant on state and local government.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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